
OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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City Council Discussion of the FY 2009 Proposed Budget

The Mayor submitted his FY 2009 Proposed Budget to the City Council on April 14, 2008, prior to the April 15 deadline required by the Charter. Two weeks later, the Office of Independent Budget Analyst issued IBA Report No. 08-41, entitled "Review of the Fiscal Year 2009 Proposed Budget." Since that time, the Council has held several public hearings and public Committee meetings to review the proposed budgets for every City department; discussed a wide range of significant City-wide budget issues; and requested follow-up information from financial and departmental staff.

According to the adopted budget calendar, the Mayor's "May Revise" is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. The May Revise will outline additional adjustments to the Proposed Budget, and may include revenue revisions, as well as additional expenditure changes, based on new information which may have been received since the budget was published.

The City Council budget hearing scheduled for Monday, May 19 allows Council an opportunity to further discuss the budget with the CFO and the IBA; to hear additional thoughts from the public; and/or share priorities and issues of concern with their colleagues, the Mayor and the public. The May Revise will also be discussed at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 19, 2008 and at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

In accordance with a memorandum from Budget and Finance Committee Chair Atkins (attached), the submission date for Councilmembers' budget priorities memoranda will be extended from Wednesday, May 14 to noon on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. This will allow Councilmembers to consider the impacts of the May Revise, as well as to have further discussions related to the Park and Recreation and Library Departments' budgets now scheduled for the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Meeting of Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 2 – 3 pm.

The IBA will consider the Council's priorities along with input received from the public, the May Revise and further research and analysis by our office, in the development of our final report, which will be issued on Friday, May 30, 2008. The Budget and Finance Committee will consider and recommend final modifications to the budget on Wednesday, June 4 and final Council decisions will be made at the Council meeting of Monday, June 9, 2008.

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Attachment